

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN ART NOONAN, on January 21, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB207, 1/15/2009; HB208, 1/15/2009

Executive Action: HB27; HB118; HB121; HB135; HB162

HEARING ON HB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:18 Rep. Harry Klock (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 207, Revise renewable portfolio standard for size of community projects.

00:03:11 Rep. Driscoll arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:26 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

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00:09:53 Paul Cartright, Office of the Governor

Opponents' Testimony: none.

Informational Testimony:

00:10:36 John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:03 Rep. Wiseman

00:13:29 Mr. Fitzpatrick

00:14:22 Rep. Wiseman

00:14:56 Mr. Fitzpatrick

00:16:31 Rep. Wiseman

00:16:40 Mr. Fitzpatrick

00:16:55 Rep. Wiseman

00:17:02 Mr. Fitzpatrick

00:17:08 Rep. Wiseman

00:17:24 Mr. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:48 Rep. Klock

HEARING ON HB 208

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:11 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 208, Revise renewable portfolio standard for compliance dates for community projects.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:39 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:20:56 Mr. Alke

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:19 Chuck Mugraw, Natural Resources Defense Council
00:27:35 Linda Gryczen, Alternative Energy Resources Organization

Informational Testimony: none.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:51 Rep. Klock
00:29:30 Mr. Mugraw
00:31:12 Rep. Driscoll
00:31:55 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:32:37 Rep. Driscoll
00:32:50 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:33:00 Rep. Regier
00:33:29 Mr. McGraw
00:35:14 Rep. Regier
00:35:27 Mr. Mugraw
00:36:45 Rep. Regier
00:37:01 Mr. Mugraw
00:37:34 Rep. Regier
00:37:37 Mr. Mugraw
00:38:08 Rep. Jopek
00:38:59 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:39:41 Rep. Jopek
00:39:47 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:40:05 Rep. Phillips
00:40:27 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:41:01 Rep. Phillips
00:41:28 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:42:33 Rep. Jones
00:42:47 Rep. Stahl arrived.
00:43:10 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:43:30 Rep. Jones
00:43:44 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:43:50 Rep. Jones
00:44:06 Mr. Fitzpatrick

00:44:16 Rep. Jones
00:44:29 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:44:52 Rep. Jones
00:45:05 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:45:14 Rep. Jones
00:45:34 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:46:07 Rep. Jones
00:46:24 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:47:20 Rep. Jones
00:47:48 Mr. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:21 Rep. O'Hara

00:48:42 Break
00:56:26 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 27

00:56:50 **Motion:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HB 27 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:57:07 **Motion:** Rep. Jones **CALLED THE QUESTION ON HB 27.**

00:57:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 118

00:57:25 **Motion:** Rep. Klock moved that **HB 118 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:57:40 Rep. Wiseman
00:57:45 Rep. Klock
00:58:05 Rep. Wiseman
00:58:17 Rep. Regier
00:58:53 Rep. Klock
00:59:16 **Motion:** Rep. Jopek **CALLED THE QUESTION ON HB 118.**

00:59:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 121

00:59:49 **Motion:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HB 121 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:59:55 Rep. Wiseman

01:00:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 135

01:00:44 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that **HB 135 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:00:57 Rep. Jones

01:01:23 Chairman Noonan

01:01:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 162

01:02:11 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **HB 162 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:02:22 Rep. Klock

01:03:00 Rep. Augare

01:04:39 Rep. Reichner

01:05:24 Rep. Wiseman

01:06:14 Chairman Noonan

01:07:02 **Motion:** Rep. Augare **CALLED THE QUESTION ON HB 162.**

01:08:11 **Vote:** Motion tied 7-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Jones, Rep. Klock, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Regier, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Stahl voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:09 P.M.

BRYCE BENNETT, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([feh14aad.pdf](#))